

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A medical system for use with an endoscope, the system comprising:
an elongate medical device sized to be inserted into the endoscope; and
a locking device having a distal portion adapted to be attached to the endoscope and a proximal portion adapted to be secured to the elongate medical device to limit relative movement between the endoscope and the elongate medical device.

22. (new) A medical system as in claim 21, wherein the distal portion of the locking device is adapted to be releasably attached to the endoscope.

23. (new) A medical system as in claim 21, wherein the proximal portion of the locking device is adapted to be releasably secured to the elongate medical device.

24. (new) A medical system as in claim 21, wherein the distal portion of the locking device includes a means for attaching the locking device to the endoscope, and the proximal portion of the locking device includes a means for securing the elongate medical device to the locking device.

25. (new) A medical system as in claim 24, wherein the elongate medical device comprises a catheter.

26. (new) A medical system as in claim 24, wherein the elongate medical device comprises a guidewire.

27. (new) A medical system for use with an endoscope, the medical system comprising:
an elongate medical device adapted to be inserted into the endoscope; and
a locking device attached to the endoscope having a locking portion and secured to the elongate medical device to limit relative axial movement between the endoscope and the elongate medical device when the elongate medical device is received in the locking portion and to allow relative axial movement between the endoscope and the elongate medical device when the elongate medical device is out of the locking portion;
wherein the elongate medical device comprises at least one of a catheter and a guide wire.

28. (new) The medical system of claim 27, wherein the locking device is adapted to releasably attach to the endoscope.

29. (new) A medical system as in claim 27, wherein the locking device is releasably secured to the elongate medical device.

30. (new) A medical system as in claim 27, wherein the endoscope includes a proximal port and wherein the locking device is configured to attach to the endoscope distal of the proximal port.

31. (new) A medical system as in claim 30, wherein the locking device is secured to the elongate medical device proximal of the proximal port.

32. (new) A medical system as in claim 31, wherein the elongate medical device comprises a catheter.

33. (new) A medical system as in claim 31, wherein the elongate medical device comprises a guidewire.

34. (new) A medical system as in claim 27, wherein the locking device comprises a body member having a proximal portion and a distal portion, a means for attaching the body member to the endoscope, the attaching means connected to the distal portion of the body member, and a means for securing the elongate medical device, the securing means connected to the proximal portion of the body member.

35. (new) A locking device for use in combination with an endoscope and an elongate medical device insertable therein, the locking device comprising:

a body member having a proximal portion and a distal portion;

a means for attaching the body member to the endoscope, the attaching means connected to the distal portion of the body member; and

a means for securing the elongate medical device, the securing means connected to the proximal portion of the body member.

36. (new) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is adapted to allow releasable attachment of the body member to the endoscope.

37. (new) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein the means for securing the elongate medical device is adapted to allow releasable securing of the elongate medical device.

38. (new) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein the locking device is configured for use with an endoscope having a proximal port and the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is sized and configured to attach to the endoscope distal of the proximal port.

39. (new) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein:
the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is adapted to allow releasable attachment of the body member to the endoscope;

the means for securing the elongate medical device is adapted to allow releasable securing of the elongate medical device;

the locking device is configured for use with an endoscope having a proximal port; and

the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is sized and configured to attach to the endoscope distal of the proximal port.

40. (new) A locking device as in claim 35 wherein the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope is configured such that, when the body member is attached to the endoscope, the means for attaching the body member to the endoscope does not completely encircle the endoscope.